

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A semiconductor inspection method for simultaneously detecting (1) stuck-at failures and (2) short-circuited adjacent lines in a logic circuit of a semiconductor apparatus, the method comprising:

extracting data representing input adjacent lines of a logical logic circuit of a semiconductor apparatus represented by layout data and identifying combinations of adjacent input lines of said input lines; for avoiding a short circuit occurring between such lines;

simultaneously detecting any stuck-at failures in the logical circuit and obtaining input logical values from the logical circuit such that extracted data representing one of the adjacent lines has a logical value "1" while extracted data representing the other of the adjacent lines has a logical value "0";

selecting one combination of adjacent input lines from said extracted combinations and setting each of said selected adjacent input lines of the logical circuit to a first logical values value of "0" and or "1" and setting said input lines of

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the logical circuit other than the selected adjacent input lines to a second logical value of "0" or "1", or "0", so that when an expected logical output value is output by the logical such logic circuit when a stuck-at failure and a no short circuit exists between the adjacent lines do not exist and an unexpected output logical value is output when at least one of a stuck-at failure and a short circuit exists between the adjacent lines does exist; and

monitoring an output of a logical such logic circuit that receives the input logical values, and comparing the monitored output with an output logical value that is expected when the input logical values are input to the logical such logic circuit.

2. (Currently Amended) A semiconductor inspection method for simultaneously detecting (1) stuck-at failures and (2) short-circuited adjacent lines in a logic circuit of a semiconductor apparatus, the method comprising:

extracting data representing adjacent input lines of a logical logic circuit of a semiconductor apparatus represented

by layout data and identifying combinations of adjacent input lines of said input lines;, a distance between said lines being equal to or less than a threshold;

simultaneously detecting any stuck-at failures in the logical circuit and obtaining input logical values from the logical circuit such that extracted data representing one of the adjacent lines has a logical value "1" while extracted data representing the other pf the adjacent lines has a logical value "0";

selecting one combination of adjacent input lines from said extracted combinations and setting each of said selected adjacent input lines of the logical circuit to a first logical values value of "0" or "1" and setting said input lines of the logical circuit other than the selected adjacent input lines to a second logical value of "0" or "1", or "0", so that when an expected logical output value is output by the logical such logic circuit when a stuck-at failure and a ne short circuit exists between the adjacent lines do not exist and an unexpected output logical value is output when at least one of a stuck-at

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failure and a short circuit exists between the adjacent lines does exist; and

monitoring an output of a logical logic circuit that receives the input logical values, and comparing the monitored output with an output logical value that is expected when the input logical values are input to the logical such logic circuit.

3. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable recording medium comprising a program for causing a computer the to execute:

extracting data representing input adjacent lines of a logical logic circuit of a semiconductor apparatus represented by layout data and identifying combinations of adjacent input lines of said input lines; said adjacent lines having a possibility of a short circuit occurring between such lines; simultaneously detecting any stuck-at failures in the logical circuit and obtaining input logical values from the logical circuit such that extracted data representing one of the adjacent lines has a logical value "1" while extracted data

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~~representing the other of the adjacent lines has a logical value "0";~~

selecting one combination of adjacent input lines from said extracted combinations and setting each of said selected adjacent input lines of the logical circuit to a first logical value values of "0" and or "1" and setting said input lines of the logical circuit other than the selected adjacent input lines to a second logical value of "0" or "1", or "0", so that when an expected logical output value is output by the logical such logic circuit when a stuck-at failure and a ne short circuit exists between the adjacent lines do not exist and an unexpected output logical value is output when at least one of a stuck-at failure and a short circuit exists between the adjacent lines does exist; and

monitoring an output of a logical logic circuit that receives the input logical values, and comparing the monitored output with an output logical value that is expected when the input logical values are input to the logical such logic circuit.

4. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable recording medium comprising a recorded program for causing a computer to execute:

extracting data representing input adjacent lines of a logical logic circuit of a semiconductor apparatus represented by layout data and identifying combinations of adjacent input lines of said input lines, a distance between said lines being not greater than a threshold;

simultaneously detecting any stuck-at failures in the logical circuit and obtaining input logical values from the logical circuit such that extracted data representing one of the adjacent lines has a logical value "1" while extracted data representing the other of the adjacent lines has a logical value "0";

selecting one combination of adjacent input lines from said extracted combinations and setting each of said selected adjacent input lines of the logical circuit to a first logical value values of "0" or "1" and setting said input lines of the logical circuit other than the selected adjacent input lines to a second logical value of "0" or "1", so that when an

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expected logical output value is output by the logical such logic circuit when a stuck-at failure and ane short circuit exists between the adjacent lines do not exist and an unexpected output logical value is output when at least one of a stuck-at failure and a short circuit exists between the adjacent lines does exist; and

monitoring an output of a logical logic circuit that receives the input logical values, and comparing the monitored output with an output logical value that is expected when the input logical values are input to the logical such logic circuit.